

RASNZ ANNUAL REPORT 2021



RASNZ
Refugee health
& wellbeing



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Our Purpose

Mission

People from refugee backgrounds will have access to quality, culturally responsive mental health and wellbeing support to assist positive resettlement in New Zealand.

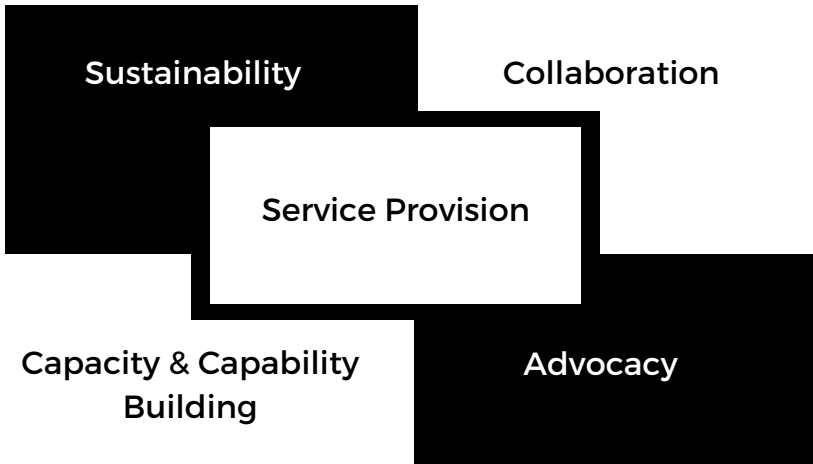
Values

Integrity Compassion Respect Responsibility

Strategic Objectives

- To provide specialist mental health support for all quota refugees at Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre
- To provide specialist mental health and community support for people from a refugee background in Auckland
- To provide training and consultation nationally
- To advocate for refugee rights

Strategic Priorities



Chair's Report

So much of our world has been turned inward, at an individual level and a national level, as we have struggled to come to grips with the impact of COVID-19.

The number of refugees and asylum seekers coming into New Zealand in the second half of 2020 reduced to a trickle. Not knowing when the flow would resume was, no doubt, of great concern to the wonderful people who work at RASNZ as it was to the Board.

RASNZ has been fortunate to have had the ongoing support of the Ministry of Health, the Counties Manukau District Health Board and the many other organisation which contribute to funding our work. On behalf of RASNZ, my heartfelt gratitude goes out to those organisations.

While the flow of refugees and asylum seekers may have slowed, the work undertaken by RASNZ did not. Training was developed and delivered, undertaking remote counselling sessions was perfected, research continued and presentations were given. This work placed RASNZ in a strong position to start 2021 and further strengthened RASNZ's skill base.

Of course, much of the work undertaken by RASNZ is focused on people already within New Zealand and that has not stopped. Clients have continued to be seen and the work of the Community and Youth teams has not slowed.

Among the changes that have been happening in the world, last year also saw the end of an era at RASNZ with the Chief Executive Officer, Anne Hood, moving on. Her contribution to the organisation cannot be understated. Through her guidance, RASNZ strengthened its reputation as the preeminent provider of integrated, culturally informed mental health and wellbeing services to former refugees and asylum seekers.

Of course, Ann's departure meant that the Board had to find someone new to lead RASNZ. With the help of Kerridge and Partners, the Board conducted a wide-ranging search. Of many great candidates, Sharron Ward stood out. Since joining RASNZ, she has over and over again vindicated the Board's choice.

As well as her committed efforts to ensure RASNZ operates well and programmes are well funded, Sharron has also spent a considerable amount of time forging connections with people and organisations from central government, to the District Health Board and those who work at the coal face.

As CEO, Sharron is supported by a team of dedicated professionals. The efforts of each and every one of those people are hugely valued by the Board. Without those people, there would be no RASNZ.

When I have read each month in the CEO's report the time people working at RASNZ have taken to foster connections, to value relationships and to work collaboratively, I am reminded that, as much as some of our horizons have become narrowed in this time of COVID, as human beings we are at our best when we work together.

Although New Zealand's borders have become difficult to cross, in continuing to see refugees and asylum seekers enter our country, our part in the international community is affirmed. Our national community of people and organisations working to support people new to New Zealand is a strong network that draws its strength from its organic nature.

I am proud to be part of an organisation that builds connections between people to support former refugees and asylum seekers and does that with integrity, compassion, respect and responsibility.

James Hassall
RASNZ Chairman



CEO's Report

2020/21 was a challenging year for RASNZ. There were significant changes in the leadership team, including an incoming CEO, a new Clinical Director, and a newly structured Training and Development Service that incorporated grant writing, fundraising, digital communications, and community engagement.

The Covid-19 effect dominated every aspect of our service delivery during this, the second year of the Global Pandemic. The UNHCR Quota Programme finally resumed in February, but its suspension for eleven months took a heavy toll on refugee mental health. The global delay created an offshore bottleneck for tens of thousands of refugees who were effectively put in a holding pattern whilst languishing under the threat of Covid-19 in often shockingly unsavoury conditions. Additionally, the closure of the New Zealand border created a national recruitment crisis leaving RASNZ with a chronic shortage of clinicians all year. Notably, psychiatry soon became a commodity that remains virtually unobtainable and unaffordable. This cocktail of events created downward pressure on our clinicians managing larger than average 'high needs' client caseloads.

The humanitarian imperative has never been more at the forefront of our work. In February, the Burmese Government's brutal military crackdown left thousands of people killed, detained, and tortured, with thousands still missing. The unfolding Afghan crisis, including COVID-19 and a collapsing economy, have left more than half the people in Afghanistan facing a record level of acute hunger, creating a monumental humanitarian crisis. In Tigray, Northern Ethiopia, the conflict has killed thousands and displaced more than two million. These events and many others have been excruciating for our former refugee communities in Aotearoa. Our services were busier than ever, whether working in talking therapy, community engagement, consult liaison, training, or advocacy.

RASNZ contributed to the MOH commissioned PWC review of the MRRC Quota programme and the MOH review of refugee mental health, investigating safer resettlement strategies in Auckland and the national resettlement regions. It was an excellent opportunity for RASNZ to showcase what we do, how we do it, and why. The process was instrumental in unpacking old systems, restructuring, and adopting new strategies that enable better mental health and well-being outcomes for the less complex client cases, in doing so, empowering former refugees to make more equitable and informed choices.

If the pandemic highlighted anything this year, it is the strength and depth of our Community Team. During the lockdown and the subsequent international crises, they led the way, spreading their deep tentacles into the community, delivering psychosocial first aid and goodwill to their anxious communities. This year RASNZ has escalated lived experience training programmes to support and strengthen the pillars of our communities, which in turn inspires self-determination and confidence in safer resettlement.

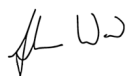
The shifting landscape of Covid-19 demanded a more agile (half plan) approach to the future. I am confident that RASNZ can transition seamlessly, and in doing so, demonstrate a high degree of flexibility and adaptability. We are currently ring-fencing our systems to provide high-level support for our residents, clients and youth services via video links, phone calls, online programmes, social media channels and information distributed in multiple languages.

Despite the environmental obstacles, the RASNZ team have been magnificent this year. Every department, with no exception, has shone. They have done the Mahi delivering workshops, one-to-one, and group support, clinical sessions, events, school engagement, youth forums, training sessions, social media engagement, research projects and publications, webinars, translation and cultural support, and advocacy campaigns.

Every day, I remind myself how lucky I am to lead this amazing RASNZ Whanau of highly skilled and specialised professionals. Since taking up my role as CEO, the support I have received from the team and the Board of Trustees has been exceptional. I would particularly like to thank James Hassell for his steadfast and honourable leadership and support. Equally, I would also like to thank the Leadership Team for their commitment to my vision for the future of RASNZ.

Lastly, to our stakeholders, I say thank you for supporting refugee mental health and for your unwavering support during these unprecedented times. To have your continued patronage mean more than you know.

Sharron Ward
RASNZ CEO



MANGERE



358
clients



15
ethnicities



91%
received
clinical mental
health support



17%
received body
therapy

The RASNZ Mangere Team is a specialist team of clinical mental health professionals based at the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre.

The team is supported by interpreters and cross-cultural facilitators to provide initial assessment, brief therapeutic interventions and group psychoeducation to all refugees arriving in New Zealand through the national quota programme. Support is also provided for asylum seekers who are detained at MRRC.

2021 Highlights

- After eleven months, the UNHCR Quota resumed in March. The team returned to delivering face to face talk, body therapy and group sessions
- By July 2021 Mangere was at full capacity with 230 residents. however Covid forced the team back online in August
- During the March to July window, RASNZ clinician delivered 48 clinical education groups to every resident onsite
- Two new body therapists strengthened our multidiscipline team
- Our Clinical Director was seconded by the MOH to deliver MH services for the Afghan Evacuee Programme

"Working as a Body Therapist at RAS is an amazing experience. Not only am I learning and growing professionally, but as part of a multi-disciplinary clinical team, I feel I am really making a difference."

- Ray Gesta

COMMUNITY CLINICAL



593

hours on the road
visiting clients



308

received clinical &
social work support



86 received
psychiatry
support



81 received
body therapy

The RASNZ Community Clinical Team provides specialist mental health and wellbeing support to people from refugee backgrounds throughout Auckland. This free service offers one-to-one counselling, psychiatry, body therapy and social work support for people at any stage of their resettlement journey.

RASNZ operated as an essential service during lockdown providing remote therapy online and by telephone. Clinicians also provided consultation for other resettlement regions to support the mental health needs of former refugees.

2021 Highlights

- Further development of multidisciplinary case reviews
- Investing in a refugee aware workforce through the support of student placements
- Increasing competency in working with diverse populations, including the rainbow community
- Increased capacity to offer virtual services to clients through pandemic

"Thank you for everything, my counselling, yoga, and body therapy was excellent. I felt cared for and so safe in every session with my psychologist."

PARENTING PROGRAMME



28

parenting
discussion groups



148

discussion
group attendees



10

ethnicities

The Parenting Programme works with parents, grandparents and wider whānau from a refugee background, offering parenting discussion groups, wrap around family support and liaison with social and education services. it is a community empowerment model whereby ethnic facilitators have been trained to train community groups in their first language

Highlights 2021

- Increased new ethnic communities connections
- Tripple P programme tackled loneliness, particularly for young isolated mothers
- Delivered three Triple P Primary Care and Teens Parenting Programmes to Afghan, Arabic, Burmese, Central African, Eritrean, Iranian Pakistani, Rohingya, Sri Lankan and mixed ethnic communities
- Helped normalised challenges responses faced by refugee background whanau experiencing new parenting expectations in NZ
- Upskilled a new Arabic speaking trainer greatly needed in the community
- Slowly built confidence in a Covid hesitant community to resume the Tripple P after lockdown

"The parenting programme training taught me to act as soon as possible when a problem or behavior occurs with my children, and I follow up with consequences if necessary."

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT



948

Participants



85

empowerment
group sessions



30

Computer in Homes
graduates

RASNZ's Cross-Cultural Facilitators (CCFs) represent Afghan, Arabic, Assyrian, Burmese, Burundian, Colombian, Eritrean, Somali, Sri Lankan and Rohingya communities.

CCFs work alongside clinical staff, providing cultural advice and support. At MRRC they facilitate health workshops for newly arrived families.

In the community, the team facilitates empowerment groups for adults from their respective communities.

Highlights 2021

- Our Cross Cultural Facilitators create the vital link with their communities during lockdown, via telephone and social media
- Completed Community Pillars. Phase 1 of the train the trainer psychoeducation programmes
- Participated in three collaborative Huis designed to weave together our clinical/cultural strategy into a wraparound all service approach
- Collaborated in our external community services evaluation
- Identified record referrals for the RAS Youth team

"Today's community pillars training session was very beneficial in learning how to take care of ourselves. Self-care is very important to each person to have a balanced life. I'm sure all of us know in a way how to take care of ourselves but today's detailed information helped me a lot personally. Thanks a lot for the opportunity."

RASNZ YOUTH



180 youth
engaged



6 - 26 age
range of youth



13
ethnicities



38 sports
sessions

RAS Youth offers community-based social and sporting activities for children and young people from refugee backgrounds. Our programmes aim to foster the development of knowledge and skills, increase confidence, and build resilience in young people.

Highlights 2021

- Pizza Ponder - our unique bi-monthly debating evenings provides opportunities for youth to discuss contentious subjects and challenge viewpoints in a safe space
- Participated in the Auckland Cultural Festival football tournament

- Annual Leadership Forum held in the Kaimai Ranges
- Codesign of an Afghan youth nationwide Instagram platform
- Record annual social media posts FB 6344 and Instagram 985
- De stig collaboration with Red Cross & Belong Aotearoa
- New 'Girls Can' programme to develop confidence in a wide range of sport
- Family nights, sharing food and fun with youth whanau

"I have attended a youth camp, where for the first time, I met other young people who are also from a refugee background. I often felt I'm an outlier among my peers in daily life because I've had very different life experiences from them. The youth camp gave me a chance to meet other people my age who share my experiences, and I know that I'm not alone."

ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT



15
public events &
speaking
engagements



10,150
followers on
social media



9
interviews across
radio, TV, print
media & online

RASNZ highlights issues and promotes stories about refugee background kiwis that inspire, inform and challenge negative stereotypes. This work is enhanced through our Engagement Programme which creates opportunities for our refugee background community members and mainstream kiwis to connect.

Highlights 2021

- RASNZ webinar supporting Mental Health Support for Afghan Whanau
- MRRC Wellbeing Activities brought live music, dance & creative play the residents
- Wool for Refugees -This wellbeing collaboration is a runaway success and now our “forever project. It encapsulates the essence of unity amongst refugee background women of all ethnicities who just love to knit

- 15 speaking engagements in schools, businesses and tertiary institutions with a total of 1500 children and adults
- Great Potentials Foundation extended their mentoring programme to include young people from refugee backgrounds
- Collaboration with the Bread Collective and AUT on accessible education for former refugees through a co-created programme of learning focused on the art of baking
- Collaboration with the Nest Collective - Identifying refugee background families in need to provide baby and children’s essentials.
- Working with KMPG on a recycled mobile phone initiative

Collaborations with

- The NZ AIDS Foundation
- Manukau United FC
- Rainbow Path
- Hungerball NZ
- Rainbow Path
- And many more



"I think we can agree that the knitting sessions have gone better than we could have imagined. All the ladies from Make Give Live that have joined in have got so much from the experience and can't wait to go back - so thank you for the opportunity for our makers to be exposed to such a wonderful environment."

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



1370+ attendees



28 Training Sessions



13 Regional Centres

RASNZ supports the development of culturally appropriate, trauma informed health and wellbeing services in all refugee resettlement regions in New Zealand. Through training and research, we are building the capacity and capability of health, education and social services to provide responsive services for clients and families from refugee backgrounds

Highlights 2021

- RASNZ broke all records this year with our well established team running both training face to face and online training during the lockdowns
- Community Pillars Revisited. A RASNZ codesign spin off for lived experience facilitators to help de-stigmatise mental health taboos within their own resettled communities
- Delivered two, six week programmes of the newly developed Welcoming Schools for Students from Refugee Backgrounds Training: This psychosocial wellbeing training for educators of refugee background youth, is booked up all year
- Presented an overview of trauma informed care to eighty participants to Health WellSouth Dunedin
- The Manukau ESOL / Refugee Needs Refugee Cluster Webinar workshop
- Additional Training provided to the Ministry of Education, AUT, Drowning Prevention, Great Potentials, MATES, Red Cross, UoA, UoC, Mt Albert Grammar Clusters, conferences, RASNZ Consumer Participation, Advisory Board Training, volunteers and NGOs

"I found the RASNZ webinars really useful and thought provoking. The best thing was that these were open, online webinars so we could access them easily at no cost. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to listen to well facilitated discussions by experts in each topic/field, without the usual constraints of budget, travel and time that often reduce our ability to attend training and professional development opportunities."

ROBERT JONES SCHOLARSHIP



67

scholarship recipients
currently studying



11

New Zealand
tertiary institutions

The Robert Jones Refugee Daughters' Scholarship is awarded to young women from refugee backgrounds annually. The scholarship covers tertiary tuition fees through to graduation. This year we are very proud of the students graduating in fields as diverse as Political Science, Sociology, Chemistry, Law, Business, Biomedical Science, Nursing, Civil Engineering, Creative Technologies, Anatomy and Physiology, Architecture, Nutrition and Dietetics, Communications.

Highlights 2021

- Now in the 6th year. The scholarship programme has produced 53 undergraduates with 9 currently doing post-graduate degrees
- 23 new scholars
- 19 students graduated
- 10 students studying at post-graduate level
- RJH/RASNZ 50/50 scholarship partnerships were renewed with AUT, Waikato, Victoria and Otago Universities
- A new RJH/RASNZ 50/50 partnership with the University of Auckland was negotiated for 2022 scholarships

"Sir Robert Jones Scholarship supported me throughout my university degree and has opened doors for the start of my professional career. I'm now working as the Digital Communications Coordinator at RASNZ, which has been an amazing and rewarding experience."

- Krishna Ogwaro



OUR SUPPORTERS



1,979
registered
donors



18
funding
partners

RASNZ's work would not be possible without the generosity and support of the wider community.

Covid restricted some volunteer fundraising engagement initiatives this year however, with our new Digital Communications wizard Krishna, we pivoted seamlessly to an online social media blitz that generated a further 2000 followers this year, which raised public awareness and donations. As a direct result, our donor database increased.

In 2021 we focused more on social media campaigns that link in with crowdfunding, newsletters awareness, and engagement, rather than elaborate events. Considering the environment, we went for a "keep it simple" strategy that has led to a constant trickle of respectable donations.

We would like to thank all of our donors whether it be the pocket money of a child, or a corporate donation. The principle of your giving is equal. Your generosity provides a lifeline to our underfunded, overachieving NGO to do the mahi that supports our refugee background Whanau.

OUR FUNDERS

CONTRACT FUNDING

CMDHB - Counties Manukau
District Health Board
MOE - Ministry of Education
MOH - Ministry of Health

GRANT FUNDING

Auckland Council
DIA - Department of Internal Affairs

- Lottery Grants Board
- Office of Ethnic Communities

Foundation North
Mental Health Foundation of NZ
Oakley Mental Health Research
Foundation
Perpetual Guardian

- Basil Charles Bellhouse
Charitable Trust
- Philanthropy Team

The Lion Foundation
UN - United Nations

SPONSORSHIP

Greg and Janie Loveridge
RJH - Robert Jones Holdings
Theo Vos and Mariëtte Derksen

PRO-BONO SUPPORT

Kantar (Colmar-Brunton)
Mangere Floral Studio
Ports of Auckland Round the Bays
Simpson Grierson
Stripe Inc
VMLY&R



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

NATURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Providing people from refugee backgrounds with quality, holistic, culturally responsive mental health and wellbeing services to assist with positive resettlement in New Zealand.

INCORPORATION NUMBER

AK/894835

CHARITIES SERVICES REGISTRATION NUMBER

CC20149

NZBN

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IRD NUMBER

69-647-804

BANK

Bank of New Zealand

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

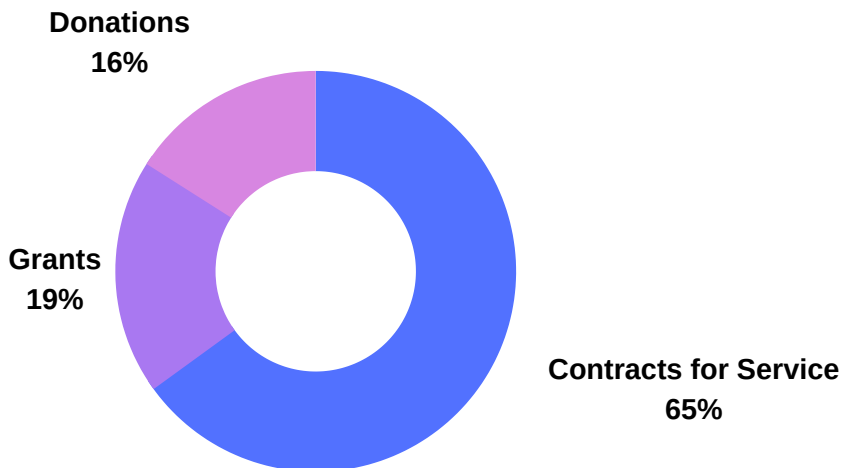
Despite the difficulties of the last eighteen months, RASNZ remains in a strong financial position. Contracted services, funded by Counties Manukau District Health Board, provide almost two thirds of our funding. This funding has continued despite the temporary reduction of refugee intakes during the Covid-19 pandemic. This has enabled us to retain key staff and continue to provide services to our existing refugee communities.

Grants and donations were expected to be significantly below previous years and we were preparing to manage provision of the services funded by grants and donations through a combination of reduced services and use of reserves. However, it is very pleasing to note that the level of support to RASNZ through these funding streams has been maintained.

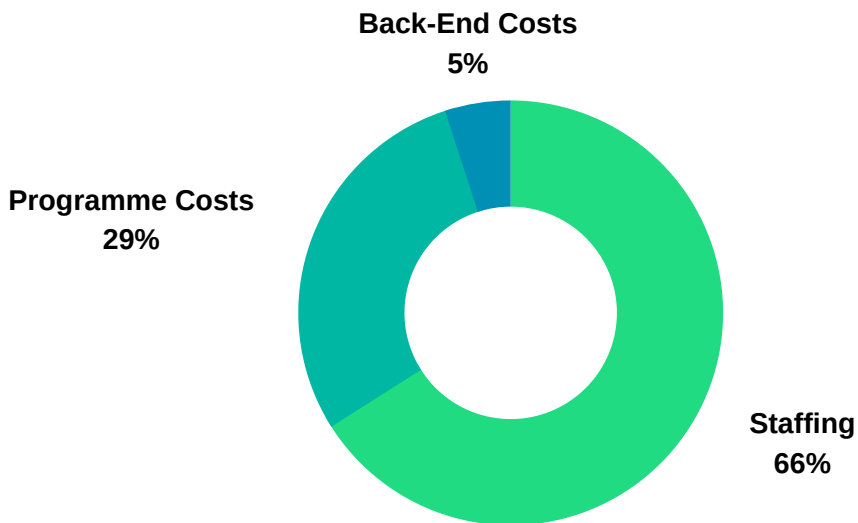
As a not-for-profit organisation funded largely by public money, RASNZ endeavours to run a balanced budget each year so that all funds received are applied to the services agreed to be undertaken. While service delivery has been largely achieved, prudent financial management over recent years has resulted in reserve funds accumulating. RASNZ is developing a strategy to ensure that the accumulated funds are applied to services for the refugee community, after setting aside sufficient funds to deal with any unexpected circumstances. Currently programmes funded from reserves include the Research, Training and Development, Grant Writing, Engagement and Communications.

The following financial statements are RASNZ Trust's summary financial statements. Our full financial statements are filed with Charity Services and will be made available at the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



SUMMARY OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 2021

REVENUE

Group	2021 \$	2020 \$
Contracts for Service	2,116,721	2,065,873
Grants	625,642	657,890
Donations	532,303	489,659
Revenue from exchange transaction – Interest, Dividends, Rents and Training Programmes	13,519	31,677
Total revenue	3,288,185	3,245,099

EXPENDITURE

Group	2021 \$	2020 \$
Employee costs	2,111,142	2,228,506
Facilities and Technology expenses	160,669	152,407
Social enterprise & Scholarship expenses	588,601	544,451
Service delivery expenses	144,913	194,654
Depreciation expense	36,988	49,339
(Profit) / Loss on disposal of assets	738	2,050
Travel and Vehicle expenses	16,498	16,999
General expenses	30,787	32,572
Organisation and Management expenses	115,015	62,681
Fundraising expenses	30,584	16,215
Total expenditure	3,235,935	3,299,874

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

ASSETS	2021 \$	2020 \$
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	745,755	512,797
Short term deposits	869,558	908,076
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	216,307	221,184
Sundry Debtors	2,543	2,813
Total Current Assets	1,834,163	1,644,870
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	93,225	120,150
Total Non-current Assets	93,225	120,150
Total Assets	1,927,388	1,765,020

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION CONT.

LIABILITIES	2021 \$	2020 \$
Current Liabilities		
Deferred Income	273,483	122,259
Employee entitlements	208,390	255,761
Trade and other payables	159,636	153,371
Total Liabilities	641,509	531,391
Net Assets	1,285,879	1,233,629
EQUITY		
Retained Surplus	1,285,879	1,233,629
Total Equity	1,285,879	1,233,629

SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Group	Retained Surplus	Total Equity
Balance at 1 July 2019	1,288,404	1,288,404
Deficit For The Year	(54,775)	(54,775)
Balance at 30 June 2020	1,233,629	1,233,629
Balance at 1 July 2020	1,233,629	1,233,629
Surplus For The Year	52,250	52,250
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,285,879	1,285,879

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF REFUGEES AS SURVIVORS NEW ZEALAND TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Refugees As Survivors New Zealand Trust ("the Trust") on pages 4 to 14, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 and the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as at 30 June 2021 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Not For Profit) Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described below in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have also performed a compliance audit relating to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. We have no other relationships with, or interests in the Trust.

Emphasis of Matter – Going Concern

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 14 of the financial statements which describes the uncertainty related to the going concern assumption. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends on the continued financial support from Counties Manukau DHB. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of Matter – COVID-19

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the disclosure in notes 15 and 16 of the financial statements which outline the possible effects of the lockdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other Information

The Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for the other information. The other information comprises the Directory but does not include the Trust's financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the Trust's financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based, on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Restriction on Responsibility

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees in accordance with section 42F of Charities Act 2005, as a collective body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Trustees, as a collective body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Board of Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (PBE IPSAS) Reduced Disclosure Regime and for such internal control as the Board of Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the XRB's website at <http://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards-for-assurance-practitioners/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-8/>

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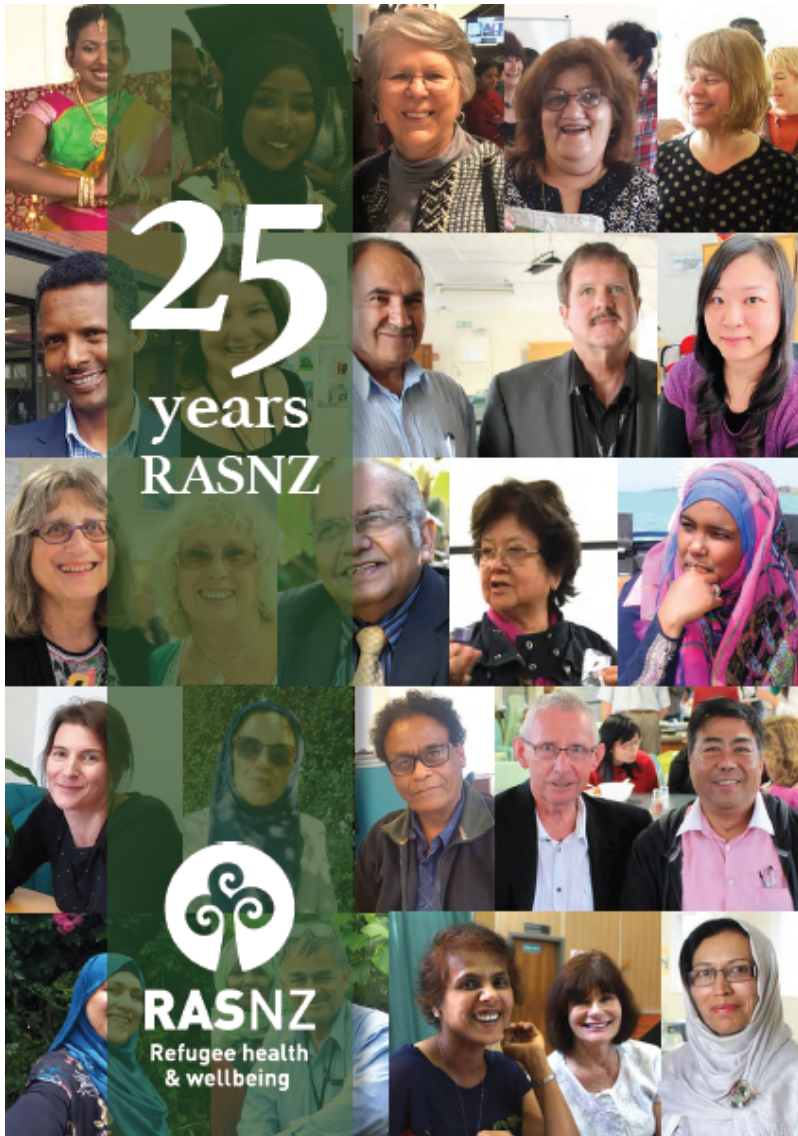
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Auckland, New Zealand

Date

1995 - 2020

We are commemorating our 25th Anniversary at RASNZ with our "Covid 19" delayed booklet covering the history of RASNZ.



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